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EASTER GREETINGS

Although Easter is over according to the New Calendar, many of our readers will be celebrating the holidays according to the Julian Calendar, so we take this opportunity to wish all of our readers the blessings of this all-important occasion commemorating the Resurection of Jesus Christ.

The YOUTH takes this opportunity to extend wishes for a Happy Easter to His Excellency Bishop Neil Savaryn, Bishop of the Edmonton Diocese, and to all of our spiritual leaders in Canada.

A Message From The National Executive

Again it is time to write to the YOUTH magazine. The month of February slid past so quickly that somehow I feel gyped.

This month let's take a peek and see what's going on at the National Executive meetings. It seems that most of the executive is trying to catch up with his or her duties. But what would interest you most, perhaps, would be the decisions that were made at these meetings.

The U.C.Y. pins have been a big question mark to many clubs. It was suggested at one of the meetings that a new design be considered. However, the decision was to retain the same design and pin. There have been some difficulties in the supply of these pins by the Birks Company.

Further discussion on the progress of our new constitution was heard Again we await ratification of the revised edition of our constitution. It would be a good idea for each local club to send in a waiting order to your respective Provincial executive for the number of constitutions (revised edition) that you will require. These constitutions will be offered to you at a cost price.

Much time have been devoted to the proper assessment of each of the four dioceses in Canada, for the existing deficit of the YOUTH magazine. Each Diocese will plan their own means of meeting this assessment. It will then be the duty of each local to follow the instructions of the Diocesan executive.

The issues and decisions of our executives are always open to discussions and criticism. Feel free to do this in the form of a letter to the editor.

Recent letters to the YOUTH on their impressions of "What's wrong with our Locals and Organizations" have been very interesting. Let's hear more.

Vocation Notes

TOO BIG FOR ME TO CONSIDER

A religious? I should think of being a religious?!!! Don't be ridiculous. That's shooting just a bit too high to suit me! I respect anyone who has a vocation to follow Our Lord closely, but when you tell me that I have what it takes to be a religious that's going too far. Without bothering to think about it I can tell you it's too big for me. I'm not the type . . .

Wait a minute. Is that you speaking? Just because I've been telling you that YOU too could have a vocation, if you only take the trouble to look a little deeper into your soul, you come out with this outright refusal . . . I don't think we should let you go on like that without correcting an idea or two.

begin with no priest deserved to be a priest. No brother or sister deserved his or her calling. For that matter, none of us deserve any of the graces God grants us. Graces are free gifts and favors from God. He gives them because He is so generous. If He seems to be offering you the greatest of the gift - the grace of the religious life, you better think twice. At least be fair to God and be fair to yourself by giving it thought and study while you pray for light.

There's a world of wisdom in the remarks of two young girls who happened to be talking on the subject of a vocation. "I may never become a nun", one explained, "but when I grow up I will know that I just didn't let the chance slip by without looking into it." That's what we call facing an important problem squarely and not dodging it because it looks BIG. The other girl was practical, too. "Whatever vocation God gives me," she admits, sure the knowledge I gain from studying about the religious life will help me lead the life of a better Christian."

St. Thomas More was very thorough with this same problem. He was very undecided between choosing the religious state or married life. To convince himself, he arranged to live in a monastery for several years. Only after that did he decide to marry. That his decision was correct is plain as day, because he succeeded in sancticity to which goal we all must be striving.

It is the easiest pastime for us to put our whole heart and soul into thoughts about what the world has to offer: a career, happy family, success, stardom, money, enjoyment. But should'nt we be fair enough to give at least just as much attention, if not much more, as to what God has to offer us? He beckons us to His side with these wonderful

words: "If thou wilt be perfect—come, follow me — you shall receive a hundred-fold and shall possess life everlasting."

Many close their eyes to the religious life because it seems so hard, it demands so much. They shudder to think of themselves giving up their family and friends, their home and wealth, their good times, etc. But, should you stop any religious who is sincere in following Christ and ask, "Don't you find it hard to stay happy and satisfied in such a life?" you would surely get this answer. "I should say I find it hard. Never have I tried to fool myself into believing it to be easy. But, take my word for it, if it were easy it would lose its attraction for me. I would never be satisfied just drifting along in life. Doing great things for love of God is my ambition, even if done only in a small way. To do that I know I must make sacrifices. God has given me courage and grace to carry on. Often I am reminded of carrying the cross with Him. This is my happiness. I asked for it freely and I know that the reward God promises me makes all my sacrifices appear as trifles."

Looking at a vocation to the religious life from this angle, could we still say that such a life is too big for me to consider? How wonderfully has Fr. Faber summed up these thoughts in the following expression: "making Jesus a little better known and loved is worth a lifetime of care and trial." To do at least that much for Our Savior, who had offered even the last drop of His Precious Blood dying on the cross for our salvation, — should never be an undertaking TOO BIG for us to encounter.

Easter is lush with roses!

I see in the rose a beautiful indication of the closeness between joy and suffering; for with roses come thorns. Should it not fill us with wonder that nature adds thorns to the most beautiful flower of all, the queen of flowers.

Do not overlook the great lesson God is hereby teaching.

The rosebush is a beautiful representation for the Easter cycle with its two extremes, sorrow over sin and fervent paschal joy. First the thorns grow, then the roses bloom. First we must pass through the thorny period of Lent, first we must hear that sin has banished s to a thorny earth; then, at Easter,

the Church opens for us the door of paradise, lush with roses.

It was the same for our blessed Savior whose life was very much like the rose. His public career was a thorny bush; yes, in His passion a pricking, piercing wreath was entwined about His sacred head. Along the trunk of the Cross this thornbush grew and its buds did not break open before the stone was rolled back. But suffering was not an end in itself; for Jesus it was only the swell of mankind's guilt, the dark gate to resurrection—His own and that of all God's children.

The rosebush, then, tells us of our Savior's passion and glory.

Christ leads, we follow.

Christ first Christians immediately after.

Human life is a thorny bush climbing up the tree of the Cross. Self-denial is one sharp thorn, taking up your cross, that is, embracing all the sorrows and duties and burdens of life, is another. But God promises you roses in return.

'Whoever loses his life on earth. will find true, divine life '— The church's Year of Grace, Dr. Pius Parsch. The Liturgical Press.

Dare You Do It?

Excerpts from an article for teenagers on purity by Rev. Richard Rooney, S. J., which appeared in the April, 1953, issue of "The Queen's Work"

EASTER is the feast of triumph of the whole of each of us, as well as soul. And that gives added hope, for during life this old body of ours certainly gives us trouble. It extends houseroom to bugs, viruses, and germs; it gets barked scraped, scared and bruised. As it gets older, it shows up, develops pains and aches. But worst of all, from childhood to old age, it gets pretty clamourous at times. Our senses yell for satisfaction. eye is not filled with seeing, neither is the ear filled with hearing." Our sense of touch constantly demands soft, comfortable, pleasant things. Our appetite for food and drink keeps gnawing away at us. And concupiscence, our desire for sexual pleasure and satisfaction, rises up again and again and sets up a shout until we bat it down with the sword of chastity or give in to it with debasing impurity.

It all gets pretty wearisome, doesn't it? We look forward down the long highway of the years ahead of us and we say, "Dear God, how will I ever make it? Have I

got to have a fight at every milestone along the way?"

God and you and I know that keeping chaste and pure isn't easy in this sexridden world of ours. Immodesty unchastity, impurity fill our movies, stage, TV screens, books, magazines, dance floors, and streets. They befoul the very air we breathe. They can infect all of us unless we take a strong antiseptic. There's one that comes to my mind. And I'm wondering if you teens of the Queen are big enough, daring enough, smart enough to use it. You alone can tell me. I'll put it up to you anyway. Here it is.

If there is one virtue of His that Our Lord hopes you teens of this Queen will restore to a world that has lost it, it is the virtue of chastity. He expects you to be shining lights of purity amid the muck of the world's impurity. He expects you to spread about you the good odor of His own spotless chastity and thus dispel the stench of the world's filth and immortality. Let's face it, that's no easy assignment. It's a call to the toughest kind of combat. It requires special strength, special courage, special arms armor.

What will these be? A temporary vow of chastity made for a shorter

or longer period of time according to the needs of individual souls to tide them over the trials, difficulties, and perplexities of adolescence, the dangers and temptations that surround youth on every side.

That sounds startling doesn't it? Perhaps it may sound a bit mad. Take it from me, it is a divine madness. Take it from me, I've seen that vow pull more than one boy and girl, more than one couple right up out of the slimy pit of impurity. Take it from me when I say that it works!

A Vow And Its Value

First off, let's see what a vow is. A vow is a deliberate promise made to God to do something that is pleasing to Him. This promise can be made for a certain period of time, v. g., a month, six months, a year, or it can be made for life.

A vow is agreeable to God because it gives Him an increase of glory. It adds to the ordinary value of any act that merit which comes from the virtue of religion. For example, a boy or a girl faithfully keeps the commandments to be chaste. They give God a certain degree of glory and gain a certain amount of merit thereby. Then they bind themselves by vow to keep those commandments. Result? God is given more glory and they gain more merit. Or again, suppose that Mary and Harry decide to fast for a month. Then halfway through they bind themselves by vow to fast the last two weeks. Those last two weeks gained them the same merit for fasting as the first two. But the last two gave them the added recompense of the fulfillment of their vow.

A vow has another great value, too. It adds strength, firmness, constancy to those wills of ours that otherwise are wobbly, weak, fickle. A vow shores up our wills the way planks, two-by-fours, or metal rods shore a wall that would crumble without the support. It keeps our wills in place much as an elastic bandage or support helps a wrist or knee.

You can see, then, how much a vow will help you in this matter of chastity, and how much more glory you give to God, how much more merit you gain if you bind yourself by vow to be chaste.

One thing let me stress, putting in black print: None of you should make this vow except after serious prayer, thought, reflection, and the advice and permission of your confessor. If that permission is given and you do make the vow, you'll be amazed at the strength it will give you. In our own experience, to give but one instance, we had one young penitent subject to a habit of unchastity. We suggested this vow. It was made for a week at a time for the first three months. No sin during that time! Then for six months the vow was renewed monthly. Again no sin! Then for two years, at the end of which this person died, the vow was made for six months at a time. How happy that soul was to face Christ and be able to tell Him that a very black sheep had become snowy white and remained so for nearly three whole years, thanks to that temporary vow of chastity.

Apostles of Chastity

It's worth thinking about. It's worth praying over. Think what you're up against in the little world in which you live and move and work and play. Think of the talk, the antics, the behaviors of the fellows and girls in your own Catholic schools. Maybe I'm getting old and pessimistic, or maybe I'm just getting clearer-sighted, but I'll say this: It seems to me that there are more frequent and more serious violations of chastity among our Catholic teenagers today than there were ten or fifteen years ago. If I'm right, you're all in more danger today than those teenagers were then. Hence you need stronger safeguards. Isn't this vow the answer? Again, if I'm right, then more intense reparation has to be made to Christ than formerly. Won't this vow give you the ability to make it?

a tremendous power for good and purity a group of these specially vowed souls would be in the midst of any school! Lovers of chastity themselves, they'd be bound to be apostles, crusaders of that same virtue. They would radiate its attractiveness about them. Though their own vows would be personal and private, known only to God, their confessors, and themselves, they would try to get their companions to make a similar vow. Like leaven, like yeast they would permeate and purify the whole mass!

Just think, too, of how such a vow would solve so many of your problems: immodesty of dress, necking and petting, bad books, shows, conversations. All of them would

be slashed right out of the lives of those who dared to slay them with the blade of this vow! How much cleaner, how much happier our world would be. The pagans of old were drawn into Catholicism because of the startling love that Christians had for each other. Couldn't you folks today draw countless souls to Christ too by startling them with the dazzling chastity that would result from hundreds of you taking this vow?

Here is youth's challenge: With the aid and strength this vow imparts to them, they, as an angelic youths' front, a legion of angelic souls, can "renew the face of the earth," and prepare it for the second triumphant coming of Our Lord. These youthful souls, forging the levers of prayer and penance, are capable of shaking the very foundations of this world — so unmindful of its divine Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier.

Youth of America and youth of the whole world for generations to come, realize your divine lineage: children of God; your noble kindred; the members of the whole celestial court. With its Queen, your Immaculate Mother, go forth to this momentous conflict. Satisfy the urgent longing of Christs's Sacred Heart for saints to do great things for Him. Win this glorious crusade against the pagan immorality of the world about you, in the name of Christ and for the love of Christ.

WELL, THERE IT IS! DO YOU DARE ACCEPT THAT CHALLENGE?



Guests at Communion Breakfast together with executive members of St. Vladimir and Olga Cathedral Youth Club who were responsible for preparing the event. Front row: left to right — Mr. Wililam Kormylo; His Excellency Metropolitan M. Hermaniuk, Rev. L. Kussy. Back row: Walter Szutiak, Vladimir Solman, Gerry Chykowski, Marlene Lasha Dziurdziewiecz, Olice Legin, Teresa Baryluk, John Zborowsky.

Sts. Vladimir & Olga U.C.Y., Winnipeg

The Sts. Vladimir & Olga Cathedral Youth Club helt its first Communion Breakfast of the year on Sunday, February 22nd, with sixty in attendance. Low Mass at 9:00 a.m. was celebrated by His Excellency Metropolitan M. Hermaniuk.

The breakfast was opened with a prayer led by His Excellency, and then all proceeded to enjoy the tasty breakfast prepared by the Executive. Other guests at the breakfast, besides His Excellency, included Msgr. B. Kushnir, Rev. L. Kussy, Chaplain, and Mr. William Kormylo, Deputy Grand Knight, Knights of Columbus, the main speaker at the breakfast.

After all had partaken of the well-prepared breakfast, the Master of Ceremonies, Mr. Vladimir Sol-

man, called upon His Excellency to say a few words.

His Excellency spoke on the topic of encouraging more youth to join our organization so that possibly the next time His Excellency attends our Communion Breakfast, he will see 150 to 200 young people. went on to explain that an organization with a membership of 150 or more would not only be a credit to us, but to our Church, our parish priest, the Ukrainian people as a whole, and also to the Metropolitan. in that the Cathedral is now the Metropolitan's Church, and sets the example for all Ukrainian Catholic churches across Canada.

After the inspiring words of His Excellency, Mr. William Kormylo, spoke on "The Road to Heaven",

saying that knowing your catechism, but not practicing it is all in vain. A good Catholic should be capable of influencing others to join our church.

Every person should have an objective in life. Mr. Kormylo compared the Road to Heaven to a person planning on taking a trip to Los Angeles. The first thing one would do would be to make a plan of the route to take, the places you would visit, etc., even though you might make a few minor changes while on your trip.

It is the same thing in life, the main thing is to plan your major path to heaven, even though at times you may stray off this path, the objective is always there, and living according to your plan will get you to heaven.

Mr. Kormylo also suggested how to improve our youth organization, one's Catholic faith and life, for example, by receiving Holy Communion more frequently. To begin with, perhaps receiving Communion twice a year, once a month, and then gradually working up to receiving Communion twice a week during lent, and then everyday.

Mr. Kormylo's speech was very interesting and left us with many things to think about.

The breakfast was closed with a prayer led by His Excellency. After the breakfast, membership cards were sold to the persons interested in becoming members of our organization. This was the beginning of our membership drive, and proved to be very successful.

With the selling of membership cards we closed a very enjoyable and inspirational morning, and the Executive plans on holding Communion Breakfasts of this type quite regularly.

Submitted by, Gerry Chaykowski Corresponding Secretary

Grimsby, Ont.

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC YOUTH RETREAT

On the last week of February, the 26th, 27th, and the 28th, Mary's Catholic Youth held a religious retreat in recognition of the lentenperiod. It commenced with a moleben 8:00 p.m. on Thursday. The topic of the sermon being "Friendship" which made everyone realize how important our friends are in our life, and made us appreciate them more. Following the moleben we gathered in the parish hall where we had a panel discussion on religion, our instructor being Father Soroka. This procedure continued for three nights, each night the sermon heading a different subjct; such as, confession, and Catholic Rites, and each night the discussion panel was held. On the last eve a confession, was also included. Communion was held Sunday morning concluding the retreat. Breakfast was held after Mass, and the honourable guest speaker Father Skwarok joined Father Soroka, director of the retreat, Father Shewchuk. parish priest, and the youth at this gathering. Father Skwarok's speech was in connection with Lent which was very interesting and well appreciated. Anne Laba

Sts. Peter and Paul U.C.Y., Saskatoon

Before we go into the gossip end of discussion I thought it would be worthwhile to give our readers a summary on "Incidence Or Delinquince in Canada" a topic chosen by Mr. Hnatiuk, a member of the executive in the newly organized "Ukrainian Business Men's Club", when he was guest speaker at a recent Communion Breakfast.

"Juvenile delinquencey is a serious problem today — what are the roots of the problem? Why is it so alarming? Instability in Society seems to be the underlying cause. An individuals culture, district or country in which he or she resides and/or was raised is a determining factor."

"A shift in the philosophy of treating delinquency is necessary. An organization to cope expressly with the problem is urgently needed. Our courts cannot cope with the problem in a purposeful way. Possibly the problem is a delinquent society rather than an individual. The Church must be an agency in helping to solve this disorder."

"We are all fortunate, today, in having a church we can attend and look to for guidance. Also the church should give more attention rather than deplore; guide rather than condemn. Who is a deliquent? One who has a feeling or urge of erratic behaviour or commits an immoral act which does not conform to the moral code of society. This also will vary in various districts. Emotional instability, or a restless, temperamental, or hostile

attitude, are some of the more pronounced characterstics of a delinquent." Three categories were given where delinquents of a different type will be found (a) Law (b) Society (c) Church. "Each category has its own form of punishment."

"A point worth noting is the delinquency is at its highest where youth are away from the church or its influence."

Mr. Hnatiuk urged us to get 100% enrollment from families within the parish, join the various church clubs where character is developed and through this media delinquency in Canada can be at least sustained.

HERE WE COME !

The weekend of the 24th and 25th of January saw an invasion of forty young people from Yorkton. A bang-up orchestra, girls, skits, dancing, laughs, prayers, food and sports and hard work blended together to form what we called "a heck of a good time."

Where did you spend the night? Was a popular question question Sunday morning as the "gang" converged for Mass and communion breakfast. Immediately following the communion "ham n' egg" breakfast/dinner the the Yorkton Yeggs and the Saskatoon Stumps clashed in a game that we later found out was hockey. Who won? - It that important? Well, the Stumps were leading 1-0 through a good portion of the game when the Yeggs finally 'outran" - (believe me the ice was bad) no. Three goals were rapped past the all star goalie Jerry "Gumps" Komaryk. Final score — you figure it out.

Roast chicken with all the trimmings was served at five-thirty to all present. Then, as mentioned before, a well-rounded out program of skits, solos, monologues, and music provided an hour and a half of spontaneous entertainment which was voted a tremendous suc-

cess. Local items were contained with various numbers that Yorkton brought with them.

It just goes to show that even with a minimum of preparation two clubs can get together and have a "whale of a time."

Shall we make this an annual affair, Yorkton?

J. A. Siroishka.

Canora, Sask., UCY.

Here is the long waited report from the Canora U.C.Y..

The officers for the 58-59 term are as follows:

Spiritual Director—Rev. P. Kryworuchka, President - Marcy Ron, (2nd term), Vice-President-Lucille Haskewich, Secretary - Violet Parnetta, Treasurer - Kay Swerhone, Spiritual and Educational Convenor - Eugene Bialobyzski, Additional Members - Diana Ron and Herman Program Convenor -Dutchak. Adeline Parnetta, Librarian-Audrey Werbowetski, Lunch-Jeanette Evacheski and Bernice Pankewich, Organizational Convenor-Mary Kowbel, Auditors - Steve Kobrynski, Diana Ron and N. Romashenko.

We have been holding our meetings the 2nd Tuesday and social evenings the 4th Tuesday of each month. At our meetings and socials there has been approximately an attendance of between 20-25 members. Our spiritual convenor E. Bialobyzski has been giving us a series of lectures on the ten commandments, taking each separately and explaining them very thoroughly and what

he misses Father explains with further details.

For our Communion breakfast in November we had the pleasure of having Father Kucharyk as our guest speaker. We enjoyed him very much and hope in the very near future we may invite him back again.

We had our annual "Christmas Eve" supper and "Moleben" on December 14th. We exchanged gifts, had a Santa Claus. During the program we sang Christmas Carols under the capable direction of Mrs. Kobrynsky.

During Christmas we helped the senior members of the church by carolling. On our own we went "Schedrovate" amongst our parishoners and made \$157.10 After that we all gathered at the home of Anne Yawney and had a lovely supper, carolled some more throughout the remaining of the evening until it was time to attend midnight Mass.

Last Sunday we had a bonspiel organized and the newly organized U.C.Y. at Buchanan were to attend but unfortunately the ice gave way

so we had to cancel all preparations. There were sure a lot of disappointed members both in Canora and Buchanan. Maybe some other time.

There has been a discussion of the annual carnival and if we can get the candidates (that is our main difficulty) we shall have one.

It has been decided that every member receive Holy Communion at least once a month, preferably the first Sunday of each month. With this and our lectures at every meeting we hope to bring about the spiritual meaning into our club. For our Lenten project, the members were asked to attend Mass on Wednesdays and Fridays of each week.

We are enclosing a list of subscriptions to the YOUTH magazine and hope that in the near future we may have another list for you.

> K. Swerhone, Treasurer.

An Apology

We apologize for the lateness of publication of this issue of YOUTH. It was due to your editor's recent illness which kept him from work for two weeks.

We will strive to publish the April issue before the end of this month.

All correspondence has also suffered a setback, but will be answered as soon as possible within next week.

Dauphin, U.C.Y.

Greetings:

With spring in the air an energetic group of approximately twenty-five young people in the Dauphin area still keep our club active.

At one of our recent meetings we had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Paul Mizibrocki, President of the Catholic Brotherhood. His topic, "working together as one", proved very informative and interesting.

The club is planning to get jackets with the U.C.Y. club emblem.

A pre-lenten social is set for March 13 with invitations having been sent to Roblin, Sifton and Ethelbert clubs. Program for the evening includes dancing to records, film showing and a mid-nite snacknips, coffee and a few dainties. The ladies of the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League have willingly agreed to cater to our party.

There are no definite plans as to what the club will encounter during lenten season. I will try and keep everyone informed.

A series of films were shown at one of our meetings. They consisted of various subjects which proved very enjoyable.

In closing on behalf of the Dauphin club I wish each and everyone a very Happy Easter.

God Bless You All.

Nellie Lesiuk, (Press Correspondent)

NEXT MONTH

In our April issue we will feature the high lights of the Toronto Diocesan U.C.Y. Convention.



First row, left to right: Helen Skubleny, Josephine Bayduza, past president; Rev. Boniface Sloboda, O.S.B.M.; Walter Sowiak, president; Adeline Maniowski. Second row: Julian Wynnyk, Ted Tyrkalo, Ollie Baziuk, Nataline Yurchuk, Dianna Bayrock, Elsie Sosnick, Walter Lattimer, Walter Hys; 3rd row: Bill Pucylo, Ed Marchak, Stan Chichak, Johnny Kowalchuk, Mike Hawrylecko.

Edmonton Diocesan Executive News

In this issue of our Magazine we have a picture of the Diocesan Executive. Find some of the following names and their faces. To give you a better idea about your Executive members, that is, who they are, and what they do, we are running a "Bird's-Eye-View" by J. P. Wynnyk of seven of them today.

Let us begin at the head. This is our President, Mr. Walter Sowiak. Today he is owner of a fleet of trucks distributing petroleum products in Alberta. He started this job because he came from the rich oilsoaked fields of Calmar, his hometown. Walter was President of the U.C.Y. locals at Calmar and later St. Basil's in Edmonton. All kinds of sports interest him. that he appreciates anything that is constructive, but dislikes broken promises! He aims to organize U.C.Y. clubs in all our districts. To date he has been very successful in realizing this objective. his pensive mood he is often overheard to murmur, "H'mm", and "I see . . . ", but when challenged, this mild-mannered promoter says-"That's what you think". Walter's forecast for the Youth organization here is, "SUNNY and MILD"!

Our Vice-President, Mr. Stan Chichak who came from St. Michael, Alberta. Today he is in the Real Estate business. He is a member of the St. Josaphat's U.C.Y. for several years now, having served on their executive in several positions. Stan's reputation as Chef at barbecues is widely known. His forecast for U.C.Y activities in the Diocese is

an unqualified "GOOD".

Miss Adeline Manowski, coming from Mundare where she has been a U.C.Y. member, is presently serving in two very busy departmentsboth Secretarial. In her free time she works with the Alberta 4-H Clubs. Her experience with young peoples' clubs there is proving very valuable to our Organization. The future of U.C.Y. clubs, as all clubs depends upon the cooperation of all the members, says Adeline. Much has been accomplished this year, and her forecast is another good year. Adeline enjoys and has been seen participating enthusiastically in bowling, curling, sewing, singing and T-V viewing.

The organization's purse is kept by Miss Natalie Yurchuk, a teacher on the staff of the Edmonton Separate Schools. Where is Meacham? Natalie travels east towards Yorkton when she speaks of going home! An ardent fan of all out-door sports, she spends many hours watching them on T-V. Her dislike is not unusual — that is, getting up in the morning. Her forecast is "more good U.C.Y. clubs to come this year.

The Sports Representative on our Executive is Edward Marchak, formerly of Legal, now a Bank of N.S. employee here. He has had executive experience as Fifth Member in the St. Josaphat's Club last year. Athletics of all kinds are his likes. Ed is a man of few words, naturally his dislikes are those who are otherwise. His forecast is brief—Very Bright!

Miss Diana Bayrock has been

musical is to her liking. She is a member of two Opera companies, member of, and solo singer in the Church choir, and concerts, a piano accompanyist, and a Ukrainian Dancing grad. Diana has served in the same capacity on the executive of the St. Josaphat's U.C.Y. here in the city. She hopes there will be a great deal more of this type of work in each club. Working for the Alta. Gov't Telephones, and bowling seems to take care of the rest of her time.

Organizational Chairman, Ted Tyrkalo, once came from the Stony Plain. Rumors have it that he DOES WORK now and then for CN Telegraph. However, Ted has been a St. Basil's U.C.Y. member. then Sports rep, Treasurer. now 2nd-term President of this City's largest Club - St. Josaphat's Cathedral. He's been our representative to the National Convention in Toronto. He is a member of the Young Men's Club, V-P of the St. Josaphat's Recreation Commission, Coach in the same field for hockey and baseball. The list is endless, because Ted's enthusiasm and energies are boundless. You have guessed his likes - his Orchestra et al. Ted says it's a very bright future for U.C.Y. Clubs.

St. Basil's U.C.Y., Edmonton

Hello again from St. Basil's South Edmonton. With the Lenten season upon us, the whirl of everyday living seems to have slowed down a bit. But around St. Basil's things are as busy as ever — we have been going strong since last you heard from us.

Cooperating with the Diocesan Executive's request, some 15 members journeyed to Mundare to attend a Social Regional Rally on January 24th. Despite the cold weather, a thoroughly enjoyable evening was had by all. We from St. Basil's much appreciated the opportunity of meeting and making friends with members from other clubs. Let's have more gatherings of this nature.

A couple of Bingos have been held since Lent began, with proceeds going towards St. Basil's Villa. The results have been gratifyingthanks to the support of our parishioners—and we are most appreciative.

One of our recent meetings featured a debate on this topic - wait till you hear it - "Men Drivers are Better than Women Drivers". Some topic!!! Anyway, the debaters even got statistics from the License Suspension Bureau - so you can imagine the research that went into this debate. Needless to say, the "men" Peter Makar and Fred Homeniuk, won over the "women" Iris Tratch and Marcella Tyrkalo. Judges were Adeline Manowski, Walter Hys and Rev. Father Peter. All in all, it was a most enjoyable evening and the debate continued for some time after, I can assure you.

At the moment, a drama group is hard at work on two plays to be presented just before Easter. Under the capable directorship of Reverend Father Peter, rehearsals are in full swing and we are looking forward to a gala evening's entertainment.

Sportswise, bowling of course is going strong, with the gang meeting every Saturday afternoon for three games. The season is rapidly approaching its end, and the bowlers are all set to defend—and retain—the Bowling Trophy.

By the time this comes off the press, our Curling Bonspiel will be history. St. Basil's curlers have been getting in as much practice as possible, even journeying out to Calmar recently to brush up on the finer points of throwing and sweeping. We've seen the Curling Trophy, and have decided that it would look just lovely beside our Bowling Trophy, so watch out for some competition from St. Basil's at the Bonspiel.

That signs thirty for the news from St. Basil's for this month. See you all at the Bonspiel on March 21st — broom in hand. In the meantime, God Bless you all.

Jo. Bayduza

WANTED BOYS AND GIRLS FOR CLOSED RETREAT — ST. ALBERT, MAY '59

Fifty young men and women who know a good thing when they see it.

Here is a chance of a life time waiting just for you.

100% returns for your investment. Perpetual dividends to all takers.

Enjoy peace and quiet and excellent meals while learning.

All that is required is a desire for advancement, and — 50 hours of your time.

The Diocesan Executive requests that AT LEAST two girls and two boys from every local attend this closed retreat.

Girls

PLACE—St. Albert Retreat House. TIME—May 1, 1959, 6:30 p.m. WHERE TO MEET—St. Josaphat's Cathedral, Edmonton.

Boys

PLACE—St. Albert Retreat House. TIME — May 29, 1959 WHERE TO MEET — St. Josaphat's Cathedral, Edmonton.

Would the President or Secretary never regret it.

of each local please contact Miss Elsie Sosnick, 10726 - 86 Ave., Edmonton, giving the names of the boys and girls who will attend this retreat. All boys and girls between the ages of seventeen and up may attend.

Please write Miss Sosnick before April 15th with regard to the names of the retreatants.

Yes! We mean You

You take your clothes to the cleaners.

You have your car overhauled.

What about your soul? Have you ever stopped to take a good look at it? Perhaps it could use a little rest—a little styling. Have 50 golden hours. Come aside with us, and in the silence of God's nature and in the peace of a monastery chapel, give your soul a break.

Be our guest — our companion. Come spend the week-end with God.

As long as you live, you will never regret it.

St. Josaphat's Junior U.C.Y., Edmonton

Hi everyone! One of the goals of the Senior U.C.Y. for the 1958 season has been achieved, that is, the formation of a junior U.C.Y. Our first meeting was held on Saturday, January 17 and was very successful. Perhaps you'd like to meet "pioneer executive", which chosen by Rev. Father Eugene Kushko, our organizer and Spiritual Director, with the help of a nominating committee. Our President, Danny Sereda, is a grade ten student at St. Joseph's High. The Vice-President is Dennis Nimchuk, who is in grade nine at St. Michael's School. Secretary, Theresa Koziak, is a grade ten student at St. Joseph's High and the Treasurer, Patricia Danko, is in grade eleven at the same school. The Fifth Member is Peter Shalagan, who is in grade eight at St. Alphonsus' School. In addition to these officers we have the chairmen of the various committees: Moisuk, Spiritual Committee; ricia Farion, Social Committee; Nadine Letawsky, Membership Committee: Georgina Starko, Cultural and Dramatic Committee; and Sylvia Savich. Lunch Committee. Sports Committee-Allan Shenduke.

So far this year the meetings of the Junior U.C.Y. have been highly successful, more so, than anyone expected. These, which have attracted many prospective members, are held every second Saturday 7:30. One of the many highlights of every evening is an interesting spiritual talk given by our Spiritual Director Father Kushko. Besides having little money, there is only one other

problem which we hope to iron out as the year moves on — boy—shortage.

Of course, our club is very sportsminded and has planned many interesting activities for the coming year. The date of our tabogganing party is set for February 22, and it will be followed by a light social lunch and Sing-Song. Other plans are to organize clubs for badminton, table tennis, etc.

The spiritual part of the club is not being neglected either. Coming up shortly is a Communion Breakfast, in which both Senior and Junior Clubs will participate. The Senior Club is planning a dinner for the elderly parishioners of St. Josaphat's Cathedral during Easter Week. At the dinner, the girls of the Junior Club will serve and the boys will act as ushers.

Later in the year we will try to have closed Retreats for the members of the Junior Club.

On behalf of the members of the Junior U.C.Y., I wish to extend to the Seniors a sincere thank you for YOUR HELP.

That is about everything from St. Josaphat's Junior U.C.Y. this month. See you in the next issue!

Press Correspondent Anne Burko

P.S.

My dear reader, I would like to set you straight about the word "JUNIOR". By no means are we JUNIORS in the sense of lollipops and pig tails but this term has been accepted to distinguish us, the teenagers, from the Senior Group. As you have noticed from the article we are high school students and in this respect we are equal to all the U.C.Y locals outside of large cities

in the respect of ages. Hence, we are not of the very same nature of Junior U.C.Y. locals established elsewhere.

Assomption of Blessed Virgin Mary U.C.Y.

ROSEMOUNT, MONTREAL

This is the first article submitted by our Club to the YOUTH. Our Club is new to the U.C.Y. circles, since we are only a year and a half old. The report submitted is from September 1958 to March 1959. During this period our Club was directed by the following executive: —

President — Bill Mandzia, Vicepresident — Frank Fitz, Treasurer— Lydia Fedoryk, Secretary — Stephanie Trofimiak, — Sport Director— Rick Sheffchick, Social Director— Olga Teleshewsky, Auditor—Doug Cooper.

Helen Polny was appointed Secretary upon Stephanie Trofimiak's resignation.

Number of paid-up members—27. Number of subscribers to YOUTH—6.

September, October, November 1958 Sports was highlighted by football

against St. Michael's U.C.Y.

Members helped the Women's

League and Jr. Parishioners at their Communion Breakfast and Dance respectively.

A Communion Breakfast and Dance were held.

Bell (St. Yuryi) donated to Church.

December 1958 and January 1959

Food baskets were filled and given to needy.

Carolling brought \$215.00.

Members participated in Ukrainian Christmas Play.

Pete Woloshyn and Julian Zajac appointed co-editors of our newspaper "Pioneer".

Delegates from our Club met with delegates from other U.C.Y. locals in Montreal and form Montreal Conference (Regional Executie).

February 1959

Our Club and Jr. Parishioners began work on raffle to set-up Parochial Sports Fund.

Among sports played were hockey, broomball and floor-hockey.

Two delegates sent to Eastern Diocesan Convention in Toronto.

March 1959

Members attended meeting and Social Evening sponsored by Montreal Conference. Fr. W. Werbicki spoke on "Dignity of Youth and its Obligation".

Special Committee set-up to plan and run Musical Revue to be held October 24th and 25th.

Also at each meeting Fr. G. Kowalsky, our Spiritual Director spoke on some religious youth topic.

Bill J. Mandzia